

Prior law required that surplus lines insurance contracts to have a certain notice stamped on it and that it be counter signed by the surplus lines broker.

New law changes the wording of the notice, requires part of it to be in bold type of not less than ten-point type, and replaces the "counter signing" with "signing" by the broker.

Prior law allowed the procurement of insurance from approved authorized insurers when it could not be obtained from insurers authorized to do business in this state. New law instead allows the insurance to be obtained from approved unauthorized insurers.

Prior law excluded from the calculation of current gross United States surplus lines liabilities aviation, marine protection, and indemnity insurance liabilities. New law instead excludes the liabilities set forth in R.S. 22:1249.1(C)(4).

Prior law required a surplus lines broker to obtain an affidavit at the time of the application for procuring a surplus line contract. New law, instead, provides that the affidavit be obtained within 30 days of the binding of a personal lines policy with an approved unauthorized insurer.

Prior law required the affidavit to affirm that the applicant had been advised that the insurance was being placed with an "unauthorized, but approved" insurer. New law, instead, requires the applicant to be advised that the insurance is being placed with "an approved unauthorized insurer".

New law provides that no new affidavit is needed at the time of renewal if the personal lines policy continues to be renewed by the same approved unauthorized insurer.

New law deletes prior law requirement that each surplus line broker remit a premium tax on March 1, 1961.

Prior law required that within 30 days from the end of a calendar quarter the tax on the surplus lines premiums was to be paid to the commissioner of insurance. New law, instead provides that the tax for the previous quarter is paid by March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st of each year, extending the payment date by one month.

New law requires the report to be in a format prescribed by the commissioner and is to include additional information required by the commissioner.

New law requires the payment of the taxes with the report on the required dates.

New law provides that new and renewal policies be reported in the quarter in which the effective date of the policy falls and other premium transactions are reported in the quarter in which the invoice falls.

New law repeals the prior law requirement that each surplus line broker annually file a verified statement of all surplus line insurance transacted by him during the preceding year.

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(Amends R.S. 22:1258, 1262(A)(3) and (B)(4)(b)(ii), 1263.1, and 1265(A) and (B), 1267(A)(1), and 1269(A)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 22:1264)